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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW - IL 1754 - FLUOROCARBONS

REFS: A. COCOM DOC REV(74) 1754/1

B. STATE 55587

SUMMARY: THE US COUNTERPROPOSAL TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE EXCEPTION TREATMENT FOR FLUOROCARBONS WAS ACCEPTED ONLY BY CANADA. OTHER DELEGATIONS RESERVED IN FAVOR OF THEIR ROUND I POSITIONS FOR DELETION OF OLDER FLUOROCARBONS WHICH THEY BELIEVE HAVE BEEN SUPERSEDED BY NEWER AND SOMETIMES SUPERIOR MATERIALS. EVIDENTIARY AND ILLUSTRATIVE MATERIAL WAS PRESENTED TO THE US FOR STUDY AND REQUESTS WERE RENEWED FROM PAST LIST REVIEWS FOR THE US TO JUSTIFY ITS OWN PROPOSAL AS WELL AS ITS RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT THEIR DEMANDS FOR RELAXATIONS.

ACTION REQUESTED: RECONSIDERATION OF THE US POSITION AND, IF CONFIRMED, REPLIES TO UNANSWERED QUERIES FROM FIRST ROUND. SEE ALSO PARAS 7 AND 8. END SUMMARY.

1. THE US, WHICH WAS THE SOLE RESERVINGMEMBER ON THE DELETION OF 1754(A)(1) PTFE; (3), POLYVINYLIDENE FLUORIDE; (A)(4) PCTFE OILS AND WAXES; (6) DIBROMO-  
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TETRAFLUOROETHANE; AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE, INFORMED

THE COMMITTEE THAT WHILE IT COULD ACCEPT DELETION OF (A)(3) AND THE WORDS "OF REASONABLE QUANTITIES" APPEARING IN THE HEADING OF ITS NOTE 1, US AUTHORITIES OPPOSED DELETION OF (A)(1), (4) AND (6).

2. PC REACTIONS TO THE US POSITION HEWED CLOSE TO THEIR ROUND I POSITIONS. ITALY PROVIDED DATA ON STRUCTURE, INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION AND SALES OF (A)(6) UNDER DIFFERENT TRADE MARKS . IT NOTED THAT SOVIET FTORLON-4 WAS DEVELOPED IN 1949 AND SINCE IT IS OF VERY HIGH PURITY OF 99.99 PERCENT AND PRODUCED THE SAME WAY AS (A)(6), THE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES ARE CONVINCED OF SOVIET CAPABILITY TO MANUFACTURE (A)(6) AND FOR THAT REASON HAD PROPOSED ITS DELETION. USDEL VOICED CONTENTS REF B PARA 2, AND ITALIAN DEL NOTED THAT DENSITY MIGHT HOLD THE KEY. AT DISCUSSION'S END ITALIAN DEL INFORMED US EXPERT THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED TO MAKE A PROPOSAL, BUT HE BELIEVED THAT HE HAD PROVIDED ENOUGH DATA FOR THE US TO DEVELOP A PARAMETRIC EXCLUSION FOR (A)(6) FIRE EXTINGUISHING FLUID WHICH COULD NOT BE USED FOR STRATEGIC PURPOSES. HE ALSO PROVIDED SOME OPTIONS THAT MIGHT SOLVE PROBLEMS. GERMANY ALSO INDICATED AN INTENTION TO DRAFT ONE.

3. FRANCE NOTED US OPPOSITION TO THE INCLUSION OF 1754 (C) IN THE US NOTE AND ASKED THE US WHETHER THE MATERIALS (A) TO (C) IN ITS COUNTERPROPOSAL CAN BE EXTRUDED IN THE FORM OF SPAGHETTI TUBING. THEY HAD BEEN INTERESTED BECAUSE THE NEW PARIS METRO TRAINS EMPLOY TEMPERATURE SENSORS FOR WHICH THE WIRING MUST WITHSTAND 150 DEGREES CENTIGRADE TEMPERATURES AND BE IN SPAGHETTI TUBING OF LENGTHS OF FROM 40-60 CENTIMETERS. IN THE FRENCH VIEW, SPAGHETTI AND OTHER TUBING COVERED BY 1142 MUST WITHSTAND PRESSURES, BUT THEIR METRO EXAMPLE IS NEITHER TO WITHSTAND PRESSURE NOR TO SERVE AS A DIELECTRIC FOR HIGH FLOW OF STATIC ELECTRICITY AS COATING IN 1754(C) AND IS THEREFORE NOT COVERED. THEY BELIEVED THAT IT WOULD BE ILLOGICAL TO FREE THE COATING IN THE WAY THE US NOTE WOULD PROVIDE AND YET RETAIN THE ASSEMBLY (WIRE AND TUBE TOGETHER) UNDER EMBARGO.

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4. JAPAN ASKED THE US FOR A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF WHY IT COULD DELETE (A)(3) BUT NONE OF THE OTHER SUBSTANCES IT HAD PROPOSED FOR DELETION WHEN THEY ARE ALL SO SIMILAR.

5. THE UK DEL WELCOMED THE US DECISION TO DELETE (A)(3) AND THE OTHER RELAXATIONS. HE RECALLED THAT THE UK HAD

POINTED TO COMMUNIST COUNTRY CAPABILITY AND HAD VOTED

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WITH THE MAJORITY IN ROUND I CONCERNING DELETION OF (A)(2), (4) AND (6), BUT FEELS MOST STRONGLY THAT (A)(1) SHOULD BE DELETED AND IS UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE REASONS WHY THE US AUTHORITIES BELIEVE SUCH AN OUTDATED MATERIAL MUST BE RETAINED UNDER EMBARGO. HE NOTED THAT IN 1971 AND IN ROUND I THE UK HAD STATED THAT THE HOMOPOLYMERS OF THE (A)(1) VARIETY ONCE HAD BEEN THE FIRST PREFERENCE FOR STRATEGIC USES, BUT HAD BEEN REPLACED BY THE COPOLYMERS OF THE (A)(4) TYPE WHICH ARE THE BETTER MATERIALS FOR AIRCRAFT AND OTHER USES. THROUGHOUT THE PRESENTATION OF VIEWS, THE USDEL STRONGLY CHALLENGED THE VARIOUS DELEGATIONS ALONG THE LINES OF PARAGRAPH 21 OF REF A, BUT COULD ONLY REFER THE JAPANESE QUESTIONS BACK TO HIS AUTHORITIES. THE BRITISH DEL REJOINED THAT THEY HAD TAKEN FULL ACCOUNT OF THE US STAND IN PARAGRAPH 21 OF REF A AND FOUND IT WANTING IN TERMS OF THE STRATEGIC CRITERIA. IN THE BRITISH VIEW THE ANSWER TO WHETHER ANY OF THE MATERIALS ARE "STRATEGIC" DEPENDS ON THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTIONS ASKED BY JAPAN TO WHICH THE US HAS NOT REPLIED.

6. THE NETHERLANDS DEL WHO WAS THE LAST TO BE HEARD, EXPRESSED WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT FOR THE POSITIONS

ESPOUSED BY THE OTHER DELS. HE NOTED THAT, IN HIS VIEW, THE EVIDENCE OF COMMUNIST CAPABILITY IS OVERWHELMING AND SAID THAT HE WOULD PROVIDE A SAMPLE OF SOVIET PTFE  
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WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. HE HOPED THAT THE US WOULD ANALYZE THE SAMPLE AS WELL AS A CATALOGUE ON SOVIET FTORLON 4 WHICH HE DISTRIBUTED.

7. IN THE VOTING CANADA ALONE COULD ACCEPT THE REVISED US COUNTERPROPOSAL AND ALL OTHER DELS ACCEPTED DELETION OF (A)(3) BUT RESUMED ON THE REMAINDER ON PENDING RESPONSES BY THE US TO THE QUESTIONS RAISED.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: PROVIDE THE REVISIONS ANALYSES AND RESPONSES REQUESTED ABOVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR EARLY PRESENTATION TO THE OTHER DELS. REEXAMINE THE QUESTION OF DELETING (A)(1), WHICH HAS ARISEN IN EVERY RECENT LIST REVIEW.

9. COMMENT: WITH RESPECT TO NETHERLANDS SUBMISSION OF SOVIET BROCHURES AND FORTHCOMING SAMPLE, US TECHNICIANS SHOULD BE REMINDED OF THE FACT THAT MORE COMPLETE SOVIET BROCHURES WERE SUBMITTED IN 1968-69 BY DU PONT. DURING THAT PERIOD A SAMPLE OF SOVIET MATERIAL WAS ANALYZED. THE RESULTS AT THAT TIME INDICATED FTORLON TO BE INFERIOR. WE LEARNED INFORMALLY FROM THE RESPONSIBLE UK TECHNICIAN THAT AT HIS BEHEST UK DELEGATION DID NOT USE INFORMATION ON TWO DU PONT POLYMERS, WHICH ARE NOT EMBARGOED, THAT ARE SUPERIOR TO (A)(1) AND ARE BEING USED IN F-16 AND B-1 DEVELOPMENT. US NOW CONTROLS BOTH UNILATERALLY. THESE TWO WERE DESCRIBED DURING THE 1973 CCL REVIEW. ONE IS A CYCLIC COMPOUND, AND ONE IS AN ALKOXY-SUBSTITUTED COMPOUND. IT COULD BE TO OUR ADVANTAGE TO GET DETAILED INFORMATION, INCLUDING SPECIFIC END USES, AND SUBMIT THESE AS ADDITIONS WHILE DELETING (A)(1) PTFE AND (A)(4)FEP.  
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